

NATIONAL LAWN TENNIS TOURNAMENT STARTS TODAY ON TURF COURTS AT FOREST HILLS, L. I.

BRUTE STRENGTH OF NUMBERS BEST BET OF LOCAL GOLFERS TO GET BIG FAVOR AT MERION

Betting Fluctuates on Quakers' Chances. Travis, "Grand Old Man," Will Appear in "Prelim"

By SANDY MENBLICK

PLAYING the odds and calling the breaks now becomes the favorite sport, as the billings show the amateur championship of America already to be put on at Merion a week from today. Local sportsmen are laying odds all the way from 10-1 and up down to one lonely bet of 2-1 that a Philadelphia will finish in the semifinal or better.

The plot of this tale surrounds the 2-1 bet which was made in the presence of a small company of local golf fans today and which was registered with no little pomp and ceremony.

Part of the pomp was a speech set forth by the better of the first part, who defended therein his, outwardly, suicidal bet.

He is a player "in the know," and though his name is withheld extracts of his verbal bombs at the gathering are here set down:

"The Philadelphia golfers who will play in the championship have been trying out both the Merion courses for some time," said the critic, "and you can mark my words that thoroughly knowing both the courses is going to play a big factor in the championships. A player can't get in the match play unless he qualifies, can he?"

Locals Know Shots
"No," answered the gathering positively. "Well, then, the entrant in the national this year has to know two courses thoroughly in order to qualify," continued the critic, "and he has no chance to go out in the afternoon and correct the mistakes he may have made in his first round."

"He has to go after an entirely different course, calling for different kinds of shots. This is where the local players will come in."

"There are a number of entrants from Merion who can play both the courses in close to par almost daily, and other local golfers have got thoroughly familiar with both courses. Now if ten or a dozen of these golfers could manage to squeeze into the match play, there is bound to be something doing for this city's rep. I look for some Philadelphia winners as the match play gets under way."

Today is the last day on which entries for the national will be accepted by Howard F. Whitney, secretary of the United States Golf Association.

The pairings will be announced Wednesday according to the recent schedule. While no figures have been given out as yet, it is expected that the entry list will be the largest ever and that the field will

Runs Scored in a Week by Major League Clubs

RUNS scored by all teams in American and National Leagues from Monday, August 21, to Sunday, August 27, inclusive. Only runs that figure in official averages are included. Scores of incomplete games are not counted, but the scores of games of five innings or more are included in the table:

Club	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	T
Cleveland	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
New York	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
St. Louis	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
Philadelphia	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
Washington	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
Boston	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
Detroit	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
Chicago	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
Pittsburgh	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
Brooklyn	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
St. Paul	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
Indianapolis	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
Cincinnati	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
San Francisco	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
Los Angeles	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
San Diego	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
Portland	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
Seattle	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
San Francisco	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
Los Angeles	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
San Diego	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
Portland	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
Seattle	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10

Bingles and Bungles
Larry Chapelle, one-time member of the White Sox, who cost Comiskey \$15,000, then failed to make good, has been purchased by the Braves from Columbus.

Fred Merkle made good in his first game for the Dodgers. He had two hits out of five times up and accepted 11 chances cleanly at first base.

Lambeth, Fohl's recruit twirler, pitched another good game yesterday, allowing the Yankees only two hits in eight innings and four in the regulation time. Cleveland won, 5-1.

Carter, leading pitcher in the American Association until signed by Finkel, held the Braves to five scattered hits while a hit and run and the Cubs triumphed, 5-1.

Herron was a spectator at the Reds-Dodgers game in Cincinnati yesterday. He was seated in the grand stand and late reports have it that he volunteered no information to anybody on how to turn out a winning team in Cincinnati.

Manager Jimmy Callahan, of the Pirates, denies he is in the field for the services of Zimmerman. Callahan was detected in the act of releasing the Cubs and Braves before he had immediately the scribbles concluded that it had something to do with a Zimmerman deal.

Knabe may have been released by the Pirates with the label "all in," but his playing against the Braves yesterday was a rebuke of this. He accepted nine chances, two putouts and seven assists, made two hits and one run.

Dan Costello, pal of Al Mamaux, the suspended Pirate pitcher, was released by Callahan from the Pirates, of the International League, but refuses to report. He insists he will quit the team before going to the minors.

PETEY—This Might Happen to Anybody



WHITE SOX NEXT MANAGER WILL BE M'GRAW, IS REPORT

Mitchell, of Braves, to Succeed Little Napoleon With Giants, Continues Rumor

By SANDY MENBLICK

NEW YORK, Aug. 28.—Several weeks ago an interview with John McGraw was published in which he stated that when his contract with the Giants expired at the end of next season, he might retire from baseball. Since then it has been learned that if McGraw really decides to leave the New York National League club he will receive an offer from Owner Charles A. Comiskey, of the Chicago White Sox, to become vice president of the club and manager of the team at a salary of \$50,000 a year.

This story must be taken for what it is worth. It has been in circulation among wise insiders for some time, although it must be admitted that, as far as any one can learn, McGraw has not yet received a direct proposition from Comiskey.

It will be remembered that McGraw, at Comiskey's invitation, took a team of Giants around the world with the White Sox two years ago last winter. Comiskey and McGraw became intimate friends. The owner of the White Sox, when he returned home, declared that McGraw was the smartest baseball man he ever had met and that he would jump at a chance to place him in control of the White Sox.

But Comiskey, at that time, never dreamed that McGraw some day would become weary of managing the Giants. Since McGraw's statement that he might retire at the end of the 1917 campaign, however, baseball men say that they have heard from Comiskey's associates that the management of the White Sox will be tendered to the Little Napoleon.

In connection with the story of Comiskey's proposed offer to McGraw, the insiders are circulating a report that if McGraw leaves the Giants, his successor may be Fred Mitchell, coach of the Boston Braves. Mitchell, it is said, has been recommended to the owners of the New York club. Mitchell once pitched for the Yankees when George Stallings managed them in 1910.

Mitchell, whose real name is Yapp, was

signed by Stallings to coach the Braves' pitchers in 1912. He has been with the Braves ever since and also had charge of the victorious Harvard varsity nine last spring. But on top of the rumor that connects Mitchell's name with the Giants comes another to the effect that he is being considered seriously by Owner Weeghman, of the Chicago Cubs, as the successor of Joe Tinker.

When Manager Rowland, of the White Sox, was interviewed this morning, he denied having any knowledge of the proposed deal and referred the reporter to Owner Comiskey, who now is in Chicago.

One reason he plays so much golf, aside from his fondness for the game, is the fact that he says it is great for his eyes. The Jap bank-line expert explained that he plays golf whenever he could arrange his affairs. He said when he was out of a round he was left to quit and that he frequently plays from 10 to 12 holes per day. After a round of 54-hole set-to at the sport, he says he never is better fitter for a billiard game in the eve.

On the heels of one after such a session on the links is only reasonable and I find that I can improve my table game greatly by three rounds of golf. Yamaoka said today that the one-handler is especially effective on the putting greens when playing golf, a fact easily explained.

be one of the classiest that has ever graced the event in this country. Many of the entrants began to drift in today, following the first drive, which began yesterday. Some of the best golfers from the Metropolitan and Boston districts will not arrive until later in the week, for the reason that they are more or less familiar with the course, on account of playing them in the Lesley Cup matches last year.

G. O. Man Will Be Seen
The "trash" bettor's opinion is shared in a way by Walter J. Travis, Grand Old Man of American golf, who feels that there is no objection to the use of two courses for qualifying play, except that it gives the local players an undue advantage. He looks for the usual box of surprises, and intimates that the local players may spill some of the dope.

Speaking of Travis, the famous former British amateur champion, and several times winner of the American title, he announced that he will stick to his decision of last year not to play in the championship. This will be a cause for regret with many locals, who had hoped to see the veteran in action for another title before he lays by his sticks, and the disappointment of many is keen that this country's most famous golf patriarch should not be among the entrants in the first United States amateur championship ever played in Philadelphia. But the fans will not be entirely disappointed, for Travis will play at Merion this Saturday in the four-ball, best-ball matches for the American Golfer Trophy.

The ancient-and-honorable golfer is editor of the American Golfer, and will play from the Garden City Golf Club, with a partner not yet selected. The galleries will see, just as we did a short time ago, that the "little giant" is still able to stick them up hard on the flag.

Last Call Today
Certain is it that the details of handling the army of stars, the galleries, the technicalities and other perplexing problems of the tourney will be in good hands, for Robert W. Lesley, president of the Golf Association of Philadelphia, is chairman of the committee and Francis B. Warner, secretary of the G. A. P., is also secretary of the committee. Chairman Lesley has been giving so much hustling to the arrangements that he has been slightly "under the weather" for a couple of days.

MORAN AND WEEGHMAN CONFER
Phil's Manager and Cubs' Owner Still Closed in Zimmerman Case

CHICAGO, Aug. 28.—Manager Pat Moran, of the Phillies, and Owner Weeghman and Manager Tinker, of the Cubs, still were closed at noon today, and up until that time had reached no agreement as to the disposition of Helms Zimmerman. Moran expressed the opinion that the great third baseman would go, either to the Braves or the Phillies, and that some kind of a settlement will be reached before the day is over. Moran has made Weeghman a couple of excellent offers, and it seems unlikely at this time that the Cubs' boss will turn down what Moran has to offer.

Holke Sold to Giants
ROCHESTER, N. Y., Aug. 28.—President Chapin, of the local International League club, today announced the sale of First Baseman Walter Holke to the New York Giants.

Leading Sluggers in the Major Leagues
BELOW are the batting averages, including yesterday's games, of the three leading hitters of the American and National Leagues:

AMERICAN LEAGUE					
G.	A.	R.	P.		
Sneaker, Cleveland	120	427	87	105	.366
Cobb, Detroit	111	425	81	104	.363
Jackson, Chicago	123	420	71	105	.351
NATIONAL LEAGUE					
G.	A.	R.	P.		
Horaher, St. Louis	112	395	61	112	.324
Daubert, Brooklyn	97	325	61	107	.323
H. Wagner, Pitts	91	324	48	107	.320

ALL MATCHES AT FOREST HILLS OFF UNTIL TOMORROW

Heavy Rain Causes Postponement of Opening Games in Title Tennis

By SANDY MENBLICK

FOREST HILLS, N. Y., Aug. 28.—That very august body, the West Side Tennis Club committee, went into executive session immediately after announcing that all of today's matches were postponed until tomorrow.

Virtually every one except a few newspaper correspondents and players had left the grounds when it was first announced that today's play had been called off.

A few spectators arrived this morning, but they were given rain checks and told there would be no action today.

Clarence J. Griffin and Ralph Barger, of California; Ward Dawson vs. E. H. Whitney, New York; William M. Johnston vs. Howard Notman, New York; Maurice E. McLoughlin, vs. R. B. McClave, Scranton, Pa.

Strange as it may seem, the average tennis bug, be he or she player or just plain fan, is not nearly so interested in speculating on the outcome of the doubles match as he or she is on the probable form of one "Maurie" McLoughlin, California "Comet," twice holder of the national singles crown, conqueror of the late Anthony Wilding and Norman Brookes, etc., etc. It is generally believed that this will be McLoughlin's last appearance in the East, and his last chance to win the championship bowl outright. McLoughlin is determined to continue in the sporting goods business in Los Angeles, and thus in another year he will be an amateur no longer, but, according to the edict of the U. S. N. L. T. A., an out-and-out professional.

St. Joe L. and D. Loses in Tenth
The St. Joseph's Literary and Dramatic Club's baseball team was held to three hits by Watson, of South End, and the latter team won out in the tenth inning by a 1-0-0 score. Spencer, who pitched for St. Joe, allowed only nine hits, two of which, with an error, enabled South End to get the only run of the game in the extra inning.

Southern Association
Atlanta, 5; New Orleans, 3. 1 (second game.)
Little Rock, 3; Memphis, 0.
Chattanooga, 2; Nashville, 0.
Birmingham, 4; Mobile, 2.

CARELESS PLAYING OF PHILS ON PRESENT WESTERN TRIP HAS BEEN COSTLY TO CHAMPS

By CHANDLER D. RICHTER

CHICAGO, Aug. 28. THE Phillies completed the most disastrous week of the season yesterday and the fans naturally are wondering what is wrong with the National League champions. Manager Moran would give something to have this question answered, but he at least has an idea and read the riot act to his players on the train last night. Moran believes that a large percentage of the errors made by the champions during the last week have been due to carelessness and he will not tolerate "showy" or "fancy" ball playing any more.

It is rather odd that Dave Bancroft should be playing the most spectacular game at short ever have seen, and yet it has been his careless bungling of plays in the pinches that cost the Phillies two games in Pittsburgh and one in St. Louis. The brilliant little shortstop appears to have been spoiled by too much praise and is thinking more of his own record than of the team.

Other players have disregarded instructions at the plate and caused well-planned plays to be broken up. The general work of the team has been ragged, and unless there is an immediate improvement, the Phils have little chance to overhaul the Dodgers and Braves. Last season the Phils were the best defensive team in the National League, but their work during the last week indicates that things have changed in the camp of the National League champions.

In the games played since arriving in Pittsburgh the Phillies have been credited with 18 errors by the official scorers, but in truth they have made three times this number, including rank errors of judgment, such as throwing the ball to the wrong base, failing to cover bases and allowing balls to fall safe which should have resulted in easy outs.

While we are inclined to believe that two games could have been saved by the substitution of a relief pitcher when it was apparent that the hurler on the mound was weakening, there is no question but that Manager Moran has been getting the maximum out of his team. He has been out-guessing his opponents and switching the attack in a skillful manner. Day after day the Phils get four, five or six runs, but either the pitching or the infield produces to hand the opposition a game which should have been an easy victory.

After the Phils had lost four out of five games to the Pirates, a Pittsburgh player happened to get on the same street car with several of the Philly players who were hustling for a train. This player said: "It certainly is tough that we had to take those games. All of our boys are pulling for you fellows to win the pennant, but you just insisted on beating yourselves."

The same condition existed in St. Louis. The Cards are pulling for the Phils to win, and as a result the Phillies did not go after their opponents as hard as they would have if it had been a "riding" game. The Phillies are a team that must be aroused to show its best form and there has been too much good feeling among the rival players to arouse the fighting spirit of either.

The slump of the Phillies is about the best argument one could advance to prove conclusively that honesty is baseball's greatest charm and that ball players always give the best they have in them to their owners. If the game and players were not absolutely on the level, the Phils now might be leading the league. They have lost their games to two teams whose players want them to win, but it was the players who are strongest for the Phils who fought hardest in the games in St. Louis and Pittsburgh.

Here in Chicago, a different condition exists and the Phils will show more ginger and fight. The Cubs are neutral so far as the three leading teams are concerned and Tinker's men are fighting them all.

The trip has been a bitter disappointment to Manager Moran, as the Phils have wasted a glorious opportunity. If the National League champions had played the same brand of ball in Pittsburgh and St. Louis that was shown on the last home stand, the team would now be a game or two ahead of Brooklyn. It is possible that the slump came at the right time and the team may come back in wonderful style, while Brooklyn and Boston may be due to slump in September.

Long Swim for Durborow
The water looked so inviting yesterday that Charles B. Durborow, the endurance star, could not resist the temptation to take a "plunge." Accompanied by Raymond Hall, Durborow dived aboard from the Riverton Yacht Club pier and swam down the river to Tacony, where he turned with the tide and swam one mile above Bristol, Pa., a distance of 17 miles, in 5 hours 42 minutes. Durborow started at 8:55 a. m. and finished at 2:35 p. m. He then covered his boat all the way back to Riverton, arriving at 6:40 p. m. He said he thoroughly enjoyed the "dip."

WHAT MAY HAPPEN IN BASEBALL TODAY

Club	Win	Loss	Pct.	W.	L.	Spit.
Brooklyn	70	48	.588	609	583	...
Chicago	63	53	.545	581	581	...
Philadelphia	57	57	.500	509	509	...
New York	54	57	.486	491	493	...
Pittsburgh	50	54	.481	486	461	...
St. Louis	48	55	.463	458	435	...
Boston	47	54	.463	439	435	...
Cincinnati	46	56	.448	422	442	...
Cleveland	46	56	.448	377	360	...

AMERICAN LEAGUE					
G.	A.	R.	P.		
Brooklyn	71	243	40	110	.345
Chicago	71	243	40	110	.345
New York	66	237	37	107	.332
St. Louis	65	237	37	107	.332
Pittsburgh	64	237	37	107	.332
Philadelphia	61	237	37	107	.332
Boston	59	237	37	107	.332
Cleveland	58	237	37	107	.332
Washington	57	237	37	107	.332
Richmond	56	237	37	107	.332
Adelphi	55	237	37	107	.332

NATIONAL LEAGUE					
G.	A.	R.	P.		
Brooklyn	70	243	40	110	.345
Chicago	63	243	40	110	.345
Philadelphia	57	243	40	110	.345
New York	54	243	40	110	.345
Pittsburgh	50	243	40	110	.345
St. Louis	48	243	40	110	.345
Boston	47	243	40	110	.345
Cincinnati	46	243	40	110	.345
Cleveland	46	243	40	110	.345
Washington	45	243	40	110	.345
Richmond	44	243	40	110	.345
Adelphi	43	243	40	110	.345

SCHEDULE FOR TODAY			
Club	Time	Location	Notes
New York	12:00	at Cincinnati	clear.
Brooklyn	12:00	at St. Louis	clear.
Chicago	12:00	at Philadelphia	rain (two games).
Philadelphia	12:00	at Chicago	clear.
AMERICAN LEAGUE			
Detroit	12:00	at New York	postponed.
Chicago	12:00	at Philadelphia	rain (two games).
St. Louis	12:00	at Boston	clear.
Cleveland	12:00	at Washington	threatening.
INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE			
Newark	12:00	at Buffalo	cloudy.
Richmond	12:00	at Toronto	clear (two games).
Baltimore	12:00	at Rochester	clear (two games).
Providence	12:00	at Montreal	cloudy (two games).

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS			
Club	Score	Location	Notes
National League			
Phillies	10-0	at St. Louis	rain.
Brooklyn	12-0	at Cincinnati	6.
Chicago	5-0	at Boston	1.
Others	not scheduled.		
American League			
Cleveland	5-0	at New York	1.
Brooklyn	12-0	at Cincinnati	6.